ABSOLUTE RATING: Average IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 77.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating
Average

Improvement Rating Average

2001 2002

2002

2003

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









Mathematics

English/ Language Arts

Mathematics

English/ Language Arts



Proficient





DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORI	NG BASIC OR ABC	OVE ON THE	PACT	
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=177)	78.5	59.3	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=17)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=160)	77.5	59.4		
Gender				
Male (n=96)	75	60.4		
Female (n=81)	82.7	58		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=56)	66.1	39.3		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=113)	84.1	69		
Other (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=129)	74.4	52.7		
Pay for lunch (n=48)	89.6	77.1		

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$4,216	N/A	\$5,508	\$5,347
 Prime instructional time 	83.1%	Down from 87.1	% 89.3%	90.2%
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	N/A	18.1 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=375)				
Attendance Rate	95.5%	Up from 95.2%	95.9%	96.2%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level 	6.2%	N/A	5.7%	4.1%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level 	5.6%	N/A	4.9%	3.1%
 First graders who attended full day kindergarten 	89.1%	Up from 74%	96.6%	96.3%
 Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate	4.1%	Down from 8.3%	4.6%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=28)				
 Professional Development days per teacher 	10 Days	Down from 10.3		7.6 days
Attendance Rate	90.1%	Down from 94.8	, , .	95.1%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	21.4%	Down from 25%	42.3%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	75%	Down from 80.8	% 80%	83.8%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	85.3%	Up from 79.8%	86.2%	87.2%
Average teacher salary	\$31,214	Up 3.4%	\$36,413	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
0	ur School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	68.4%	N/A	64.5%	65.3%
 Principal's years at the school 	0	N/A	3	4.0
 Parents attending conferences 	87.1%	N/A	95.1%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
On academic plans	50.4%	Up from 44.2%	52%	43.1%
 On academic probation 	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Up from 0.6%	1.6%	1.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	1	N/A	2	1
 Gifted and talented 	6.7%	Down from 9.3%	7.8%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	6.5%	Up from 3.6%	8.5%	8.4%

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Cottageville Elementary School serves the community as a Preschool through fifth grade school. The school is comprised of approximately 410 students. The student body is diverse in nature with 70% of the student body being white; 20 % being African American and 10% American Indian. The Cottageville area is one of the fastest growing areas in the county. This has created a need for additional classrooms, but not having adequate space forced us to place some students in classes that were too small. Most of our itinerant staff had to share the same space. The faculty is made up of dedicated educators who see to it that all students are given the opportunity to learn each day without regard to prior academic achievement. One of the on-going challenges has been the high number of students enrolling during the school year. We have to immediately assess their needs and catch them up to where the other students are in relation to preparing them for PACT and other grade level assessments. Our staff has already begun working on many of the performance goals in the five-year plan. The academic programs at Cottageville continue to improve in the areas we identified as priority needs. We are pleased with the overall progress our students have made in the area of reading/language arts. We recognized that student achievement in mathematics needed to be addressed. For the past several years, we have had a language arts consultant on site to work with the teachers in implementing the 4-Block Model and using those strategies to teach language arts. She has worked with teachers and assistants in each grade as teams, with a focus on developing strategies that will lead to improved reading comprehension and writing skills. In addition, the Low Country Math Hub worked with small groups of teachers in grades 1-5 to teach them how to address the math standards in their classrooms. We have several academic and attendance incentive programs that reward and encourage students to put forth their best efforts and attend school on a regular basis. The PTO has done a wonderful job in supporting the school and providing assistance to students and staff. We are concerned about the number of parents not directly involved in the school, especially those who have children who are underachieving. The PTO and teachers are continuing to look for ways to solve this problem. We have a wonderful group of girls known as the "Just Say No Cheerleaders" that represent the school in the community and elsewhere. Both the girls and coaches volunteer their time after school to rehearse for various events. Daniel Green.



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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 375 Students

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Annual School	
Report Card	

School Grade: Average

2001

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

EVALUATION OF TEXASTER OF TOPENTO				
Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents	
Satisfied with learning environment	76.2	54.7	(Avail. 2002)	
Satisfied with social and physical environment	47.6	60.4		
Satisfied with home-school relations	33.3	78.4		

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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